

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A strapping machine for positioning a strap material around an associated load, tensioning the strap material and sealing the strap material to itself around the load includes a frame, a controller, a slack box having a slack box cover and a first portion of a strap path from the slack box. The first portion of the strap path has a strap path cover over a portion thereof. The strap path cover is mounted to the frame by a hinge common with the slack box cover. The strap path cover and slack box cover are openable independent of each other. A strapping head is also mounted to the frame. The strap path cover extends over a portion of the strapping head.